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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7670**  
Tetsuya MATSUTANI : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1039A  
Serial No. 10/630,681 : Group Art Unit 2812  
Filed July 31, 2003 : Examiner Lynne A. Gurley

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed August 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.